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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HIROYUKI KAWAE ET AL. Confirmation No.: 01-764
Serial No. : 10/026,871
Filed : December 21, 2001
TC/A.U. : 2879
Examiner : Kevin J. Quarterman

Docket No. : 01-764
Customer No.: 34704

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing a Notice of Appeal to expire on June 4, 2004.

Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$1,280.00 to cover the fee for filing this three month extension of time.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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Respectfully submitted,

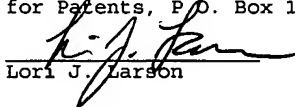
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Date: June 4, 2004

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